

Metropolitan Planning and Program Development Process Review – Statewide

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Following a 2012 TMA Certification Review, the Federal Review Team recommended to FHWA (Virginia) and FTA (Region III) leadership that a Metropolitan Planning and Program Development Process Review be conduct in CY 2014.



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Purpose

- Evaluate and determine if the 3-C metropolitan and program development process as jointly certified by the VDOT District offices and each MPO is efficient, effective, and consistently applied to meet regulatory requirements as it applies to several targeted areas



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Target/Focus Areas

- O&M Costs and Revenue Sources
- Grouped Projects
- Annual Listing of Obligated Projects
- Cooperative Metropolitan Agreements
- Title VI and Civil Rights-related Authorities



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Anonymous Survey (Survey Monkey)

- Request sent to nine randomly selected MPOs and VDOT District offices on June 9, 2014
 - TMAs and Non-TMAs
 - Five MPOs
 - Four VDOT offices (including CO)
- District offices primarily (District and MPOs jointly certify metropolitan planning process)



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Observations

- ✓ The metropolitan planning and program development process is satisfactorily meeting the requirements that are contained in federal statute and regulations for the targeted areas.
- Review team recommendations include:
 - Civil Rights Managers for each VDOT District office have a documented or institutionalized role in the review and comment of the products of the metropolitan planning and program development process (UPWP, LRTP, TIP).
 - VAMPO, in cooperation with VDOT, prepare TIP Preparation Guidance.
 - Uniform set of guidelines for understanding and developing TIPs.
 - » Grouped Projects
 - » TIP Revisions
 - » Project Programming, etc.



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Compliance Issue

- VDOT's 2012-15 Title VI Implementation Plan requires that Title VI compliance reviews be conducted annually of PDCs and MPOs (see also 23 CFR 200.9(b)(7))
 - No satisfactory evidence or history of Title VI compliance reviews being conducted using the required forms.



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Recommendations

- Review team strongly recommends the following:
 - Pursuant to the VDOT Title VI Plan, conduct Title VI Program Compliance reviews of sub recipients (using the approved forms contained in VDOT Title VI Implementation Plan).
 - A comprehensive process review be jointly conducted by FHWA and VDOT Office of Civil Rights of the VDOT's Title VI Program implementation for the Statewide Planning Program Area (to include SPR Work Program and Public Involvement)



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